

NICARAGUA CANAL COMPANY.

Full Text of the Letter from President
Warner Miller.

AFFAIRS IN AN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

The Work Progressing Rapidly.—The President Highly Pleased with the Outlook.—Future Programme.

NEW YORK, April 15.—[Special.]—In a letter recently received at the office of the Nicaragua Canal Company from Mr. Warner Miller, president, he gives the result of his first inspection of the canal work at Greytown as follows: "I will not, at this writing, go into particulars about what I have seen since my arrival, but will simply remark that yesterday afternoon I made a trip around the harbor, to the various camps, to the dredging of the canal, to the railroad yards, to the machine shops, to the breakwater and to the postal. I have been pleased beyond expectation with the condition of affairs as I have found them. The location of the company's headquarters and the hospital on the sea beach is everything that can be desired. The climate is not at all oppressive, the temperature never going above 82 degrees, and a most refreshing sea-breeze constantly coming in. All of our party have been delighted with everything so far.

EXCELLENT WORKMEN.

"My visit to the works yesterday shows that we have a most excellent set of men here, including officers, mechanics and laborers. All our dredges are in a far better condition than I expected to find them, and in fact several of them seem to be quite as good as new, and are doing very remarkable work on the canal and on the bar. The latter is in a satisfactory condition at the present time, there being not less than fourteen feet of water over it.

"As soon as we get a smooth sea it will be possible to send a dredge to the outer bar and secure a uniform depth throughout. We cannot, however, expect to greatly increase this depth and to maintain it until we have the material to extend the pier one thousand feet further, and, of course, this cannot be done until the railroad is extended about two miles to the rock quarry and we are able to bring ballast from there.

THE FUTURE PROGRAMME.

"All the different works are in a good state of preservation, are well maintained, and all of our floating plant is being properly cared for. In short, everything as regards the works is all that could be desired. My present expectation is to remain here two or three days and then go to the interior. A portion of our party will go over to the divide and follow the canal line throughout to the sea, at which point the balance of the party will be met coming up the San Juan by boat.

"From there we shall proceed at once to the capital, Managua, and thence to Rivas and over the canal line between the land and the Pacific at Brito.

"Some of the party will return by way of Panama and some by way of Greytown, thence home from this point either by the Morgan line to New Orleans, or the Atlas line from Port Limon direct to New York.

IN PERFECT HEALTH.

"The gunboat 'Petrel,' which has been lying here at anchor for some days, proceeded to the scene of the wreck of the 'Arguon,' and within a few moments after the receipt of the intelligence of our location. She arrived at Roncador Reef on Wednesday, but as we had previously left that point on the 'Coraco' she immediately returned to Greytown.

"I think of nothing now, of note to add to the above, except to say that the health of our party is perfect, and that of our engineers and laborers is also everything that could be desired. There are only five men in the hospital. The weather is entirely dry, there having been no rain for nearly two months, and in fact a Nicaraguan rainy day would be welcome."

"The general manager of the company stated that it was expected Mr. Miller would arrive at Managua, the capital, about the 10th instant, and his return to the United States could not be counted on before the early part of May.

ONE OF BARNUM'S JOKES.

He Did Not Buy the Fish that Changes Itself Into an Animal with Legs.

George O. Starr, who is in the city, has a fund of reminiscences about Barnum. He had been "off and on" for the past fifteen years an agent for the great showman.

"Barnum was an imitable story teller," remarked Mr. Starr last night, "and he was full of humor. Practical jokes he would continually plan upon his friends, and liked to have them played upon himself. Once a friend went into the museum and after some slight-seeing found his way to Mr. Barnum's office. 'Barnum, I've been looking all over your place,' said he, 'but bless me, if I can find the club with which the Fiji Islanders killed Captain Cook.' You ought to get it." Mr. Barnum answered it would be a good scheme to hunt it up. A few days later the showman sent or his friend, saying he had found the murder-

ous club. It appears that he had got one of his employees to procure a big club, sprinkle it with blood, and then paste a card on it telling its history. 'Well, I got that club,' exclaimed Mr. Barnum, as his friend entered the office. 'there it is.' The friend laughed, and, looking the great showman in the eyes, said: 'So I see, and every other show in the country exhibits that club.' So the laugh was on Barnum.

"Several weeks after the friend dropped in the office again. 'Say, Jim, I'm puzzled,' exclaimed the showman impatiently. 'Here is a man, who says he will sell me a monstrously strange thing for a big sum and I don't know whether to purchase it or not.' 'What is it?' inquired the friend. 'Well, it's a sort of a fish that metamorphoses into an animal. It has a tail like a fish, and then the first thing you know it begins to have legs.' The friend urged Barnum to purchase it at any price, as it would be a great attraction. 'What does the man call it?' asked the friend finally. 'A tadpole,' laughed the old showman heartily. 'So they evened things up.'—Philadelphia Press.

A Lost River.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has lost a river, and in consequence has a bridge whose occupation is gone.

The Whitewater river has flowed from the Sierra Madre mountains across the sands of the region just this side of Seven Palms as long as any one can remember. The station of Whitewater was located where the river crosses the railway, and was supplied with water from its current.

During the last heavy rains the Whitewater rose in its might and devastated the whole country round about, washing out the bridge and the roadbed and playing the mischief generally. Soon the rains and the river stopped simultaneously, and the river has not been found since. It appeared to become ashamed of itself for doing so much harm, and has apparently slunk away in disgust and sorrow. It is entirely gone. At no point does it cross the railroad, as it would have to do were it still in existence in some new course. The railroad company, in order to secure water for its station at Whitewater, has been obliged to build a pipe line way up to the mountains at considerable expense.

All last summer, during the hottest, driest weather, the river ran placidly along, in fact, it has never failed until after its "big" of winter. Now it forms one of the mysteries of that mysterious region, the Colorado river desert, and perhaps is flowing by the Pegleg mine, and possibly rippling beside the treasure-laden Spanish galleon, which lies somewhere in that region buried in the sand.

Helper of the Working Girls.

Miss Maria Bowen Chapin, of New York, is the clever young editor of Far and Near, a monthly journal devoted to the needs of the Working Girls' Club and published by the Critic Company. For some years Miss Chapin has shown her zeal in many ways for the cause of the working girls. She is president of the Standard Club, and with Miss Grace Dodge, Miss Potter and Miss Florence Lockwood, she belongs to a band of earnest young women who give their efforts in this work of philanthropy. Miss Chapin is the sister of William Vail Chapin, with whom she lives. Her summers are spent in the quiet old town of Pomfret, Conn.

Victoria As a Knitter.

Queen Victoria puts in her spare time in playing the crochet needle, and an English journal is authority for the statement that at an exhibition of women's industries lately held at Glasgow a pair of wristlets in gay stripes and a blue and white work, worked by the Queen, were on view.

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COTTON FACTORY, \$125,000

One Knitting Mill for the manufacture of Hosiery, Underwear, &c., to cost \$50,000, and to supply the Knitting Mill with a CASH WORKING CAPITAL of \$25,000, making total outlay for

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Maps showing the property and Price List of the lots cheerfully furnished on application to

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that every purchase of \$500 carries eight shares of Stock in two well Equipped Industrial Enterprises par value of \$500.

A POINTER.

In buying a lot you are also making an Investment, the Dividends upon which will likely add materially to educate your boys.

A HINT.

The building of two large Industries upon the Property, and the completion of Trinity College ought largely to enhance the value of the lots.

A SUGGESTION.

Now is the time to purchase. The lots may all be gone if you wait, and you will miss the opportunity of buying from first hands.

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